

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Total Coliform Rule / Distribution System Advisory Committee
Organizational Meeting
July 17-18, 2007

Washington Marriott
22nd and “M” Streets NW
Washington DC 20037

DRAFT AGENDA

Meeting Objectives/Desired Outcomes:

- **Discuss purpose, efficacy and applicability of current provisions of Total Coliform Rule, understand linkages to other rules, and share perspectives on possible objectives for reaching an agreement in principle about revisions to the TCR;**
- **Discuss purpose and possible approach to reaching an agreement in principle on data collection and research needs to better understand potential distribution system risks;**
- **Discuss initial plans for organizing a federal advisory committee on EPA’s Total Coliform Rule, including scope, protocols, and schedule; and**
- **Discuss data sources and potential analyses to support the advisory committee.**

Tuesday, July 17, 2007

8:30-9:00 Arrival

9:00-9:45 Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Objectives and Agenda
Objective: Background and initial orientation; introductions; review agenda and desired outcomes of this meeting.

Welcome

Cynthia Dougherty, Director Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water
Gail Bingham and Kathy Grant, facilitators

9:45-12:00 Perspectives on the Current Total Coliform Rule and Objectives for Revisions
[with break] Objective: Understand rationale and assumptions underlying key provisions of the current Total Coliform Rule and begin a discussion of what has changed since it was promulgated in 1989.

Presentations:

“Total Coliform and *E. coli*: History on the Use of Coliforms in Drinking Water Regulations”

Gary Burlingame, Philadelphia Water Department

Charlotte Smith, U.C. Berkeley School of Public Health

“1989 TCR: Requirements, Rationale, and Subsequent Developments”

Tom Grubbs, U.S. EPA

Alan Roberson, American Water Works Association

Discussion:

- Clarification questions
- What issues does this suggest considering for possible revisions to the rule?

12:00-1:15 Lunch (on your own)

1:15-2:30 Implementing the Total Coliform Rule

Objective: Review the practicalities of TCR implementation and share perspectives about how well it is working.

Presentations:

“Day in the Life of a Water Supply System – Large and Small”

Gary Lynch, Park City Water

“Day in the Life of a State Regulator”

TBD

Discussion:

- Clarification questions
- What issues does this suggest considering for possible revisions to the rule?

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-3:45 Overview of Distribution System Issues

Objective: Learn about issues that have been raised specific to distribution systems, for example in the National Academy of Sciences report and in EPA white papers.

Presentation:

“An Overview of the NAS Report: Drinking Water Distribution Systems: Assessing and Reducing Risks”

Mark LeChevallier, American Water

Stig Regli, U.S. EPA

Discussion:

- Clarification questions
- What issues does this suggest for recommendations about additional data and research needed to understand potential vulnerabilities in distribution systems?

3:45-5:00 Discussion: Initial Issues to Consider within Proposed Scope for Total Coliform Rule/Distribution System Advisory Committee

Objectives: Identify issues that the Committee may wish to consider in making recommendations on improvements to the current rule, and review the scope of the proposed charge for the TCRDS Advisory Committee to clarify how stakeholders’ perspectives might be addressed..

⇒ *Actions: Start list of issues to consider for revisions to the TCR. Approve scope.*

5:00-5:30 Public Comment

Wednesday, July 18, 2007

- 8:00-8:30 Arrival
- 8:30-8:45 Welcome and Overview of Day 2 Agenda
- 8:45-9:15 Federal Advisory Committee Act Orientation
Objectives: Review expectations and procedures under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).
- Presentation:
“Federal Advisory Committee Act Orientation”
Jini Mohanty, U.S. EPA
- 9:15-10:00 Proposed Dates and Milestones for TCRDS Advisory Committee
Objectives: Review preliminary plans concerning the number of possible TCRDS Advisory Committee meetings, potential topics and milestones to complete the objective of an agreement-in-principle about revisions to the TCR. Identify any suggested changes to improve the process.
- ⇒ *Action: Set 2008 meeting dates.*
- 10:00-10:15 Break
- 10:15-12:00 Proposed Protocols for Total Coliform Rule/Distribution System Advisory Committee (if constituted)
Objectives: Review the proposed protocols for the TCRDS Advisory Committee and identify any suggested changes needed to ensure a productive process.
- ⇒ *Action: Approve committee protocols.*
- 12:00-1:15 Lunch (on your own)
- 1:15-2:45 Data Sources and Technical Support for the TCRDS Process
Objective: Review the results from the meeting of technical experts in June concerning existing data sources for the TCR revision and potential analyses for the September and October meeting. Discuss other possible data needs relevant to issues or questions that the TCRDS Advisory Committee might consider. Discuss composition and approach to the technical support for the committee, if constituted.
- ⇒ *Actions: Establish and provide direction to the technical work group.*
- 2:45-3:00 Wrap Up and Review Next Steps
- 3:00 Adjourn